

WEAPONS FOR WARFARE

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I. INTRODUCTION TO A NEW SEASON

1 Peter 5:8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

A. New Seasons Emerge from Fresh Encounters with the Holy Spirit.

*Heavenly Father,
In This New Season
May Your Holy Spirit
Bring To Me...
Weapons For Warfare*

Acts 19:1-2 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

B. Your need for the Holy Spirit is essential where unholy spirits reside.

II. BATTLE PLAN FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

1. Start With Your Strength

Ephesians 1:19-21 and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

1 Samuel 17:47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give all of you into our hands.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

2. Dress For Success

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

3. Identify The Enemy

Ephesians 6:13-14 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then,

4. Stand Your Ground

Ephesians 6:14-18 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

5. Fight Your Battles

You will fight more effectively if you can anticipate the battles you may be facing.

➤ Battles of Untruth

John 8:32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

➤ Battles of Temptation

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

➤ Battles of Chaos

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

➤ Battles of Doubt

1 John 5:4 (ESV) For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

➤ **Battles of the Mind**

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

➤ **Battles of the Word**

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

➤ **Battles of Prayer**

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2 Kings 6:15 When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

2 Kings 6:16-17 "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

James 5:16 The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

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